

REMARKS

A paragraph has been amended to correct a typographical error and a paragraph has been amended to refer to Figure 9 for clarity.

New claims 28 – 32 have been added to more completely claim the invention.

An information disclosure statement listing references to Myers and Liska is provided herewith. It is noted that the Liska reference teaches limiting expansion across the valve as a whole in the anterior-posterior direction, but does not teach or suggest limiting expansion of the lateral portions of the posterior leaflet (claim 28), or specifically “*cinching* each of the lateral posterior portions relative to a discrete device” (claim 32). Liska causes the valve to be obstructed by the elements 14 and fails to ‘purse’ the valve in a manner which provides the intended results in the applicant’s invention. The lateral portions in Liska are unrestrained and particularly not “cinched” in accord with the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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